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# THINGS TO KNOW

## Hundreds rally at US Supreme Court to protest new state abortion bans

The D.C. rally was one of several held throughout the country.

Abortion-rights campaigners, including Democrats seeking their party's 2020 presidential nomination, rallied at the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to protest new restrictions on abortion passed by Republican-dominated legislatures in eight states.

Many of the restrictions are intended to draw legal challenges, which religious conservatives hope will lead the nation's top court to overturn the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that established a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy.

"We are not going to allow them to move our country backward," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, one of the two dozen Democrats running for president, told the crowd through a megaphone.

Another candidate, New Jersey Sen. Cory



Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) speaks at a pro-choice rally at the Supreme Court on May 21, 2019, in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

Booker, urged the crowd to "wake up more men to join this fight."

The rally was one of scores scheduled for Tuesday around the country by the American Civil Liberties Union, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Planned Parenthood Action Fund and other abortion-rights

groups. The protests are a response to laws passed recently by Republican state legislatures that amount to the tightest restrictions on abortion in the United States in decades.

Alabama passed an outright ban last week, including for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, unless the woman's life is in danger. Other states, including Ohio and Georgia, have banned abortions absent a medical emergency after six weeks of pregnancy or after the fetus's heartbeat can be detected, which can occur before a woman even realizes she is pregnant.

Protesters outside the Supreme Court waved signs saying, "We won't be punished" and "Protect safe, legal abortion"

and were joined by South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

"My entire campaign is about freedom," he said in a brief interview.

President Donald Trump has seized on the issue as one likely to fire up his core supporters, although he considers the Alabama ban too restrictive because it does not make exceptions for incest and rape.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, another Democratic 2020 candidate, blamed what she called "outrageous bans" on Trump.

"This is the beginning of President Trump's war on women," she told the rally. "If he wants his war, he will have his war, and he will lose."

The restrictive new

laws are contrary to the *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which affords a woman the right to an abortion up to the moment the fetus would be viable outside the womb, which is usually placed at about seven months, or 28 weeks, but may occur earlier.

The bans have been

championed by conservatives, many of them Christian, who say fetuses should have rights comparable to those of infants and view abortion as tantamount to murder. The Supreme Court now has a 5-4 conservative majority following two appointments by Trump. REUTERS



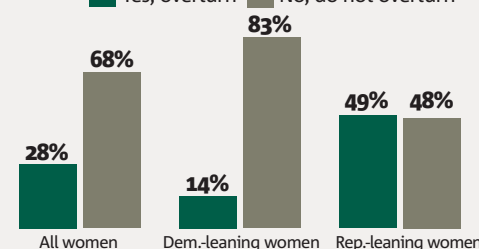
### STATS

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## Majority of American women still support *Roe v. Wade* decision

"Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its *Roe v. Wade* decision or not?"

Yes, overturn No, do not overturn



## Apple expands keyboard repairs to newer MacBooks

Apple Inc. said on Tuesday it will repair typing-related problems in "butterfly" keyboards for an expanded set of laptops that include newer versions of MacBook, MacBook Air and MacBook Pro models. The repairs would include fixing letters or characters that repeat unexpectedly, fail to appear, or keys that



feel "sticky" and do not respond in a consistent manner, Apple said in a post. The company has come under criticism on social media and Apple-centric blogs and websites for the issues related to its keyboard. Last June, the company said it would repair keyboards on some models, and the announcement on Tuesday expanded the models to include more recent ones. REUTERS

## Lawmakers see tamping down of Trump Iran rhetoric

Officials who briefed Congress about Iran on Tuesday sought to convince lawmakers that President Donald Trump's administration wants to deter Tehran's aggression, not attack the Islamic republic, members of Congress said. "I hope they're tamping down [the rhetoric]. They tried to give that impression," Rep. Eliot Engel, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, told reporters after the classified briefing for the full House of Representa-

tives. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Joseph Dunford and Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan held the briefing after lawmakers, including Trump's fellow Republicans as well as Democrats, had clamored for weeks for more information about escalating tensions with Iran. The administration officials held a similar briefing, also behind closed doors, for the full Senate later on Tuesday. REUTERS

## 2021 NFL Draft reportedly awarded to Cleveland

The 2021 NFL Draft will be held in Cleveland, according to an Uproxx report on Tuesday. The league is expected to officially announce the news, and potentially the hosts of other future drafts, on Wednesday, as owners hold spring meetings in Florida this week. Cleveland, Kansas City and Denver were among the finalists for recent drafts that were awarded to Nashville (2019) and Las Vegas (2020). Multiple outlets reported Tues-

day that Denver is not expected to be awarded a future draft this week. "We're confident in our city and our proposal, and feel Cleveland has a great chance at securing this event," David Gilbert, president of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, told Cleveland.com in a statement earlier Tuesday. The draft began moving around the country in 2015, after being held annually in New York City from 1965 to 2014. REUTERS

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## NEWS

Experts believe a fungal infection caused the branch to break.



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A Virginia woman suffered a fractured skull and spine in Washington Square Park when a tree branch broke off and struck her.

According to ABC News, the 55-year-old woman was walking with her son in the park in Greenwich Village when a large branch fell on her just before 9 p.m. Monday. She was rushed to Bellevue Hospital in critical but stable condition.

Authorities told the New York Daily News that the woman had suffered a fracture in her skull and her spine.



Washington Square Park looking north up 5th Avenue through the arch.

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Police are investigating the injury but believe it was an accident. The two were walking on the west side of the park when an estimated 35-foot-long branch of a London Plane tree snapped and fell on her at about 7:50 p.m. on Monday.

The Parks Depart-

ment inspected the tree on Tuesday, and a spokesperson told Metro New York, "this morning's preliminary inspection indicates that the tree shows signs of having Massaria, a fungus, which may have caused the limb to fail. We will conduct further inspec-

tions of the tree, and surrounding trees, and will address accordingly."

According to data from London Planes tree experts, "Massaria is a fungus which infects plane tree branches. It normally infects branches which are less than 10 centimeters in diameter

but has been found in branches up to 20 centimeters. An infected branch may be still be in leaf and alive but can be substantially weakened by the disease, leading to possible breakage. The disease always attacks the upper side of the branch and is difficult to spot from the ground for this reason. In the early stages a long pink brown strip can be seen, followed by brown and then a black strip with spores."

The Parks Department said "Massaria is most often found in London Plane trees. Stress, usually due to lack of water availability, is tied to incidences of Massaria."

Injuries from fallen tree branches are an issue that affected scores of people in the Big Apple.

#### A look back at NYC incidents

In 2018, two city EMTs

were injured by a falling branch during a snowstorm.

According to the Parks Department data, 31 people were injured by falling trees or branches between 2011 and 2015. In 2017, a 3,000-pound, 75-foot elm tree fell in Central Park according to Gothamist. The branch fractured the skull of a two-year-old boy and his mother's neck as well.

In 2013, a pregnant Queens woman was killed when a 60-foot oak tree fell over and crushed her as she sat on a bench in Kissena Park.

In February 2010, 46-year-old man was killed in Central Park by a fallen branch which snapped under the weight of heavy snow.

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## Woman stabbed, beaten to death with knife and cutting board

Her husband reportedly blamed his "brain surgery" for the heinous attack.



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A woman was beaten and killed Monday by her husband inside their Queens apartment, according to police.

Isabel Galeano, 44, was killed in her home at Atari Lane, near 93rd Avenue in South Jamaica, Queens, at about 2 p.m., allegedly at the hands of her husband, 56-year-old Isidro Pacheco.

Police say Pacheco repeatedly stabbed Galeano in the back, and also slashed her hand. Sources said she was also bashed with a wooden cutting board. Investigators responded to the residence after a 911 call reported



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an assault in progress. Galeano was rushed to Jamaica Hospital, where she died at about 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Pacheco later blamed his attack on a "brain surgery," according to the New York Post.

About an hour after the police began investigating, Pacheco surrendered at the 103rd Precinct.

"Why did you do that?" Pacheco reportedly told

cops she had pleaded while under attack. Pacheco was charged with murder, assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

Some outlets reported that the couple shares a child, though that was not confirmed. Pacheco did not have a criminal record, according to reports, and police had not previously been called to the home.

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# House Democrats subpoena more Trump ex-aides after latest rebuff

A congressional committee chairman issued subpoenas to two more former White House aides hours after being spurned by White House Counsel Donald McGahn at a hearing on Tuesday, while Democratic lawmakers negotiated for testimony by Special Counsel Robert Mueller and debated impeaching President Donald Trump.

Heeding Trump's instructions to ignore a subpoena from the Democratic-led House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, McGahn failed to show up for scheduled testimony before the panel on Thursday morning.

Undeterred in a growing conflict with Trump over congressional powers to oversee his administration, committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler announced he had is-

sued fresh subpoenas to former White House Communications Director Hope Hicks and Annie Donaldson, the former chief of staff to McGahn.

The subpoenas seek testimony and documents in connection with the committee's probe into whether Trump obstructed Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

**"Let me be clear: This committee will hear Mr. McGahn's testimony, even if we have to go to court to secure it."**

Rep. Jerrold Nadler,  
House Judiciary Committee chairman

Despite McGahn's no-

show, the committee held a hearing lasting about a half-hour that featured an empty chair at the witness table. Nadler said at the hearing, "Let me be clear: This committee will hear Mr. McGahn's testimony, even if we have to go to court to secure it."

Attorney General William Barr, the top U.S. law enforcement official and a Trump appointee, on May 2 snubbed the same committee, which later voted to hold him in contempt of Congress for not handing over a full, unredacted Mueller report.

At the hearing skipped by Barr, an empty chair also figured prominently and a Democratic committee member placed a ceramic chicken on the table in front of it for the cameras. The ceramic chicken did not make a repeat appearance on Tuesday.



House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) arrives at a House Judiciary Committee hearing. REUTERS

After the hearing where McGahn was a no-show, several Democrats said the Judiciary Committee was negotiating with Mueller about his possible testimony. A redacted version of Mueller's report was released by Barr last month.

"We are working with his team on that right now. I can't tell you for sure if he's going to come," said Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, a Democratic member of the committee.

Republicans derided Tuesday's session as a political stunt and an abuse of the hearing process. "This is becoming a regular event. It's called the circus of Judiciary," the panel's top Republican, Rep. Doug Collins, said after the hearing.

In the early days of Trump's presidency, few aides had more frequent access to him than Hicks, a former model and public relations consultant that Trump hired into the White House from his

daughter Ivanka Trump's staff. She rose to the position of communications director, but resigned from the White House in March 2018.

Trump, seeking reelection in 2020, is refusing to cooperate with many probes into his administration, his family and his business interests. The White House on Monday told McGahn, who left his post in October, to disregard the Judiciary Committee's subpoena.

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## Dozens rescued from Oklahoma floods as storms swamp central US

Only car tops were visible on roadways near OKC.

Dozens of people were rescued from rising waters and felled trees that smashed homes and blocked roadways in Oklahoma, as severe storms generating tornadoes and heavy rain roared through central United States on Tuesday.

Rescue crews in boats pulled at least 50 people from floodwaters as heavy downpours inundated roads and homes, said Oklahoma Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Keli Cain. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries, she said.

Only the tops of cars engulfed by water were visible on roadways near Oklahoma City, and some houses were entirely surrounded by floods, video footage of the location showed.

"It's real dangerous," said Ross Reuter, a spokesman for Canadian

County, where 10 people were rescued. "Motorists get out into the swift water, thinking they can get across and it ends up being deeper than they think."

Parts of the state have received 6 to 8 inches (15-20 cm) of rain since Monday, and some 4 million people remained under a flash flood warning or watch in the region, the National Weather Service said.

A twister that touched down early on Tuesday near Tulsa International Airport was among more than two dozen that have ripped through the region since Monday, according to the NWS.

"We have lots of reports of damage coming in. There is a lot of tree damage. Very large trees have been uprooted that are blocking roads and that have landed on houses," said Sarah Corfidi, an NWS meteorologist.

The NWS said 22 million people were in the path of the severe

weather system that was expected to move across Texas and Louisiana, into Alabama and as far north as Iowa and Nebraska all day and into the night on Tuesday.

**"The whole area is in the bull's-eye, with more rounds of severe storms possible."**

NWS forecaster

On Monday, the NWS said the risk of tornadoes in the region was higher than at any time in years.

A new storm system was brewing and could hit the same southern states later this week.

"The whole area is in the bull's-eye, with more rounds of severe storms possible," the forecaster said. **REUTERS**



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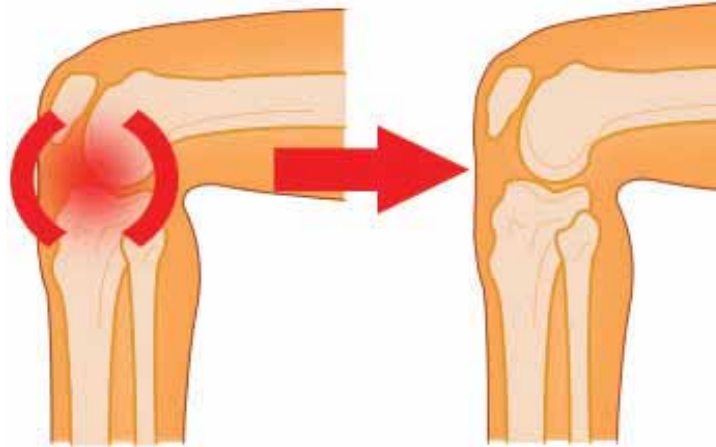
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"The Naked Chef" Jamie Oliver slices fish during an appearance on NBC's "Today" show in Miami Beach.

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# Jamie Oliver shuts most UK restaurants, 1,000 jobs eliminated

Part of the reason behind the closing is the popularity of food-delivery apps.

British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's restaurant chain went into administration on Tuesday, leaving 1,000 people without jobs as the majority of branches ceased trading immediately in the latest blow for Britain's high street.

Oliver, 43, a well-known figure in Britain and beyond for his popular TV shows and top-selling cookery books, founded his Jamie's Italian brand of high-street restaurants in 2008.

"I am deeply saddened by this outcome and would like to thank all of the staff and our suppliers who have put their hearts and souls into this business for over a decade," he said.

There will be about 1,000 redundancies as 22 of 25 branches closed immediately, administrators KPMG said, with Gatwick Airport's two Jamie's Italian branches and Jamie Oliver's Diner staying open in the short term. The group employs around 1,300 people in total.

Alin Ciocan, 28, was preparing to start his shift at London Victoria's branch of Jamie's Italian when he heard that the branch would not be opening and he had lost his job.

"I didn't believe it at first," he said, adding he was unsure if he would stay in the sector.

"I really, really enjoy serving people, but it's a strange time at the moment, and all the casual dining and high-street restaurants are in decline."

Oliver's chain is the latest victim of a brutal trading environment on Britain's high streets.

In March, Boparan Restaurant Group (BRG) said it planned to close more than a third of its Giraffe and Ed's Easy Diner outlets, while Carluccio's, Prezzo, Strada and Gourmet Burger Kitchen closed branches in 2018.

Changing customer habits have seen a rise in appetite for takeaway apps such as Just Eat and Deliveroo and favoring faster food service over high-street staples such as Jamie's.

There were almost 5 million fewer trips to full-service restaurants in the 12 weeks to March 24, compared with a year earlier, data from Kantar showed. Sales in such restaurants declined by 6 percent in the year to March 24.

"The current trading environment for companies across the casual dining sector is as tough as I've ever seen," joint administrator Will Wright, partner at KPMG, said of Oliver's chain, adding that an attempt to bring in extra investment had failed.

The administration, a form of creditor protection, also affects Barbecco, a steakhouse, and Fifteen London — Oliver's first restaurant, which he founded in 2002 as a social enterprise designed to train young unemployed people.

**"All the casual dining and high-street restaurants are in decline."**

Alin Ciocan, former server

Oliver, who started cooking at the age of 8 at his parents' pub in Essex, northeast of London, was discovered by BBC television while working as a chef in London's River Cafe in the late 1990s.

His "Naked Chef" show, which was broadcast in dozens of countries, made him a household name at the age of 21.

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## AOC for opening Trump impeachment inquiry

Dems are left with no choice than to pursue, she says.

U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said on Tuesday it is time for Democratic leaders to allow an impeachment process to start against President Donald Trump, saying the administration's obstruction of lawmakers' oversight efforts gives them no choice.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has so far resisted calls for Democrats to launch impeachment proceedings, instead backing continued investigations of Trump and his administration by numerous congressional panels instead.

But more Democrats are openly discussing it, and liberals like Ocasio-Cortez, a leader of the progressive left since she beat an established Democrat in a surprise pri-



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mary upset last year, are stepping up the pressure.

"I think it's time for us to, at the very least, open an impeachment inquiry. ... We've been given no choice, I think, in this scenario," Ocasio-Cortez said outside the House of Representatives.

She said the Mueller report on Russian meddling in the 2016 campaign had described evidence of obstruction of the investigation by the executive branch, adding that the report had pointed directly to Congress as the body to take action.

The report by Special Counsel Robert Mueller stopped short of declaring that the president obstructed justice, but it also did not exonerate him.

"We now have the president actively discouraging witnesses from coming in to answer a legally binding subpoena from Congress," Ocasio-Cortez added. Former White House Counsel Don McGahn on Tuesday defied a subpoena from the House Judiciary Committee, at the White House's request.

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## LIFESTYLE

Allison Williams discusses her role in Netflix's latest psychological thriller, "The Perfection."



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Psychological thrillers have always transcended boundaries, taken risks and ultimately strived to completely surprise audiences. Some films take the risks and twists seriously, some lack the luster. "The Perfection" is certainly not the latter. Netflix's newest horror masterpiece, starring Allison Williams, is certainly one for the books. Audiences already go into this genre knowing that nothing is quite what it seems, however, "The Perfection" truly masters hiding the inten-

tions of the plot and characters up until the very last scene. Williams sat down with Metro to talk about the thrilling film, delve into why the story is so compelling, and discuss why viewers gravitate toward chaotic story lines.

"The Perfection" dives into the world of professional cellists and their ultimate strive for perfection that leads them to do...questionable things. Taking on the role of Charlotte, a once-promising musical prodigy who had to leave her illustrious career behind to look after her ailing mother, took full-time preparation for Williams, both emotionally and technically. "I played the piano when I was younger so I had a familiarity with music in general, but I never, other than for an episode of "Girls," had to play a string instrument. It was so much more challenging than I could even imagine. We didn't have a ton of time for it, but we had to



"The Perfection" drops on Netflix this Friday. NETFLIX

learn the songs and actually look like we were really good at playing them. That was the biggest piece of the preparation," says Williams. "Also big, honestly, was working through the script and nailing down every detail and just finding clarity on every point because the movie moves in such an unchronological way and because the point of view changes so many times. What the audience knows as true or is

supposed to believe shifts throughout time."

Having the audience believe one thing and then changing their mind with the next scene can prove to be difficult when portraying a character, "It's a real challenge for an actor to try to make sure what the audience needs to see at any given moment will also ring true when they do know everything, or if they see it again," says Williams. But putting on

a mask or even hiding the true intentions of Charlotte isn't the most far-off point of the plot. "In this movie, in particular, it was very fun meeting the person that Charlotte wanted us to think she was and then see the person who she is more at her core."

The most compelling parts about psychological and horror thrillers aren't even the outlandish actions or unbelievable circumstances (which this film exemplifies in many scenes) — it's more so the points in the story that are quite extreme at the surface, but almost ring true to everyday life. Throughout the film, viewers begin to realize that what appears on the surface for the characters isn't exactly what is brewing underneath, and then some.

"It's obviously heightened for this movie and this genre, but I would say that most human beings are like that," says Williams. "There are very few people who are 100

percent consistent across every circumstance. I think all characters have that layering, that mask-wearing moment. It's just not every script gives you the room to do it."

"The Perfection" is not for the faint of heart, or even for those with a weak stomach. The film challenges what we all believe to be "true" and even heightens what is a fact for all of us: that nothing is ever really as it seems.

"People go into psychological thrillers knowing that there might be twists and turns and nothing will be as it seems, and that they're not going to know what's coming, but also knowing that maybe they'll have the opportunity afterward to think and talk about it and engage with the subject matter they aren't used to talking about and putting it in a whole new context, which is often refreshing, and necessary."

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# Lamb of God on 15 years of their breakthrough album, 'Ashes of the Wake'

We spoke with guitarist and co-songwriter Mark Morton about the album that changed everything for the metal greats.



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The early 2000s were a strange time. Now that time has provided a little bit of blasting distance, it seems like an era that so many people would like to forget is getting a bit of resurgence of the reigning fashion and musical trends of the day. As we are seeing aspects of that time making a comeback like boy bands and JNCO jeans, it's also refreshing to be reminded of anniversaries of artists who released some of their best work during that culturally vacant stretch after the Y2K

hysteria.

If you were a fan of popular heavy music in 2004, you know it was the heyday of Nu-Metal. But in 2004 we also saw the release of another landmark record by a metal band that has only grown in size as well as critical praise during that time period. It has now been 15 years since Virginia's thrash-meets-hardcore band Lamb of God has released their crushing fourth album, "Ashes of the Wake," on Epic Records, and since then it has only grown more influential and cemented the band as one of the genre's true torchbearers.

"Looking back, I remember feeling like we were a part of something that was on the up," remembers guitarist and co-songwriter Mark Morton of being somewhat removed from the rap-metal of the day. "It goes down

in history as being called 'the new wave of American heavy metal.' We didn't call it that. We knew by that point that we were a part of something. A scene that was kind of cobbled together by the sort of melding of hardcore and thrash metal bands that started buzzing on its own and the labels sort of tapped into that. But in terms of it displacing anything that was going on, that never really occurred to me, that we were going to knock somebody off the block or rival some other style of music of the day. Because to me, it was all so thriving that a band like us or bands like us were finding themselves on major labels. I remember thinking that it was an amazing opportunity for us to get that sort of level of recognition for that moment and being of the mindset that it was going to be a quick hit and to enjoy this moment while



it's here because we're not going to last very long. It turned out to be a different story. I don't think even at that point I had any kind of idea that it would be so long-lived, and that 15 years later we would still be on Epic Records and still have the kind of fan base and visibility that we have."

The band will be hitting the road for the 15th anniversary of the album, but as Morton revisits it, he feels that even though the record is as strong as it is, the nostalgia might be a factor for many people's love of it.

"For a lot of people, that was their first exposure to us as a band, or maybe

even for that scene," says Morton. "It did get a big push. 'Laid to Rest' was all over MTV, we were on magazines and stuff. It was a big jump in exposure for the band. We were on Ozzfest. I think anytime that you're first exposed to a band, that record is your favorite record by that band. That has a lot of staying power, and I think for a lot of our fan base, that was the first time they heard us. Music is really powerful. When you listen to something that was a big part of your life at a point in time and you can almost go back there, that's a really powerful thing. At least it is to me, and I'm sure it is for a lot of people."

So what does Morton see as the band's influence on this generation of metal fans?

"I don't know if I see it that much," Morton laughs. "I've thought about this before: 'How come no one comes out and sounds just like we do?' Obviously, we've had great success! But there's no straight-up copycat band. Is there a band that has come out and sounded just like Lamb of God and used that exact model? I don't think that there is. I'm kind of baffled. Somebody probably should. Listen, kids, it worked!"

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# Elton John makes Cannes sing with a biographical tape

The film about the artist dubbed "Rocketman" has hit the glamour on the French Riviera. Starring Taron Egerton from England, the movie was praised at its premiere during the Film Festival.

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Right when actor Taron Egerton is playing "Your Song" on the big screen, possessed as Elton John in the film "Rocketman," ovation bursts the Lumière room. The award-winning British musician is part of the audience, loyal to the

king of pop who breathes the same air as the attendants to this historical screening. All of us present applaud the scene of the

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is the budget of the movie, which has a running time of 121 minutes.

biographical film of the voice of "Tiny Dancer" and its successful premiere at Cannes.

Following the triumphant trail of "Bohemian Rhapsody," the biographical film about Freddy Mercury and the band Queen, "Rocketman" follows the same path: an official story well packaged and recreated. In fact, it is the same

director in charge of the film about the late Mercury, Dexter Fletcher, who made this new musical biopic.

When watching the movie, you can not stop considering a crucial element of the success of this product. It features an "inside" redeemer of the protagonist in question. Here, the story of Elton John, tormented and addicted to drugs, alcohol, sex and shopping, stuck by the bad relationship with an absent father, begins when he attends a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

From that moment, the pop song of the artist accompanies the images of his early years as a maladjusted child in the England of the last century. It is followed by his youth years, going through the disco-



Taron Egerton plays Elton John | PARAMOUNT PICTURES

very of his sexual identity and the fruitful alliance with a "creative partner," the composer Bernie Taupin, played by Jamie Bell.

"Rocketman", which flirts with some winks of fantasy, and with Cannes (with the 1983 song "I'm Still Standing" with a clip set on the beach of the Hotel Carlton) is designed for the mass consumption. And it is set to become a global phenomenon perhaps as much as "Bohemian Rhapsody" because it works with the same Wurlitzer pop logic. It is better to listen to it than to understand.



Elton John yesterday in Cannes. | GETTY IMAGES



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## SPORTS

# Could Mets get out of Cespedes contract after freak injury?

The Mets outfielder broke his ankle after a fall on his ranch.



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Even matters off the field are going horribly wrong for the 2019 New York Mets.

It's been a nightmarish eight weeks for an organization that has made the dysfunctional mundane over the decades under the Wilpon family. Speculation surrounding manager Mickey Callaway's job security continues to swirl despite general manager Brodie Van Wagenen's unconvincing vote of confidence on Monday night.

Callaway's status was quickly overshadowed during that press conference at Citi Field

when Van Wagenen announced that star outfielder Yoenis Cespedes suffered a violent fall at his ranch in Florida. He suffered fractures in his ankle and will likely miss the season.

Cespedes — who was recovering from multiple surgeries to remove calcification in his heels — was expected to return in a best-case scenario by August, providing the Mets with a trade-deadline acquisition without actually going out on the market and making a big splash.

Since signing a four-year, \$110 million contract to stay with the Mets after a magical half-season in 2015, Cespedes has appeared in a combined 251 games over the past three seasons. That included 81 in 2017 and just 38 last year due to hamstring and quad issues before the heel calcification surgeries.

Mark this down as



Yoenis Cespedes is likely out for the season after suffering a broken ankle. GETTY IMAGES

another reason why the Wilpons are hesitant to spend a lot of money and big names.

There is a chance though that the Mets can get out of the poi-

sonous Cespedes deal. He is owed \$29 million this season and \$29.5 million in 2020 before hitting free agency.

In every MLB contract, there are prohib-

ited activities listed that players are not allowed to do in an attempt to limit the chances of freak injuries.

This is known as the "Lonborg Clause," af-

ter Boston Red Sox star pitcher Jim Lonborg blew out his knee while skiing in December 1967 just a few months after winning the American League Cy Young Award. The Yankees took advantage of this back in 2003 when current manager Aaron Boone tore his ACL while playing pick-up basketball. It allowed the team to go out and sign Alex Rodriguez.

If the Mets believe that Cespedes was partaking in unnecessary activities while recovering from his surgery at his ranch, they could try to convert his remaining salary from guaranteed money to non-guaranteed.

They simply cannot void the contract, however.

The specifics of Cespedes' fall have not been disclosed as of yet, which will delay any kind of case the Mets could be looking to build against the 33-year-old.

## Ntilikina 'happy' with Knicks, trade still imminent?

With a sizable roster haul expected this summer, the New York Knicks face an offseason of letting go of some notable names accrued over the past few seasons.

Third-year guard Frank Ntilikina — who has been the subject of trade rumors over the past year — reinserted himself in those kinds of talks this week when he reportedly switched agents, according to Stefan Bondy of the New York Daily News.

The 20-year-old reportedly left Leon Rose of CAA for Frenchman Bouna Ndiaye of Comsport in an attempt to speed along his departure from New York, per Bondy.

However, the No. 8 pick in 2017 squashed any of those talks via Ndiaye, who told Marc Berman of the New York Post that Ntilikina is "extremely happy to be part of the Knicks."

That doesn't mean he won't be dealt this summer, especially near



Frank Ntilikina could be on the trade block next month around the NBA Draft. GETTY IMAGES

the 2019 NBA Draft on Jun. 20. Ntilikina's name came up in trade talks before the NBA's February deadline, but the Knicks were unable to get anything done despite interest from multiple teams.

The 6-foot-6 guard's tenure with the Knicks has been a shaky one. Though he was put be-

hind the proverbial eight-ball the moment he was taken by the organization.

Given his raw intangibles, while playing overseas, Ntilikina was seen as a perfect candidate to run Phil Jackson's triangle offense. But Jackson was let go just days after running the Knicks' draft, leaving Ntilikina to

struggle under the two different head coaches.

In his first two years, Ntilikina's offensive game has struggled to keep up with his defensive prowess, averaging just 5.9 points per game.

Still, with a high ceiling given his age and size, Ntilikina is expected to garner heavy consideration on the trade

market.

The Orlando Magic and Phoenix Suns were just two of the teams linked to Ntilikina around the trade deadline and could circle back once again next month. Orlando acquired Markelle Fultz last season, but adding Ntilikina could provide some youthful insurance

should the former No. 1 pick's progress continue to stall.

Teams like the Philadelphia 76ers, Fultz's former team, and Golden State Warriors could also inquire as they search for added point-guard depth.

The Knicks will be hoping that Ntilikina could get a late first-round or early second-round draft pick in return, per Berman.

That accrual of draft picks could be awfully important for the franchise, especially if they're planning on trading their No. 3 pick to the New Orleans Pelicans in a hypothetical deal for Anthony Davis.

Or they could go a step further and offer Ntilikina as a part of an extensive package for Davis. It would likely include the Frenchman, the No. 3 pick, two future first-rounders picked up from the Kristaps Porzingis trade, and another young talent like Kevin Knox.

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# Is QB competition brewing for Giants?

The door could be open for Daniel Jones to win the starting job.



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Anything you hear about the New York Giants' quarterback situation is nothing but pure speculation at this point.

Even if it is coming out of the mouth of head coach Pat Shurmur.

The Giants' first days of OTAs suggest that the organization is in the midst of a quarterback battle between 38-year-old veteran Eli Manning and the controversial rookie first-round pick, Daniel Jones.

Jones, a Duke product, was selected sixth overall during last month's draft, much to the chagrin of most Giants fans. Many believed that he would have been available when New York picked later in the first round at No. 17.

Since Jones' arrival, the message of when he'll take the field in the regular season has been mixed.

General manager Dave Gettleman suggested that he could be sitting behind Manning for one-to-three years; a wild idea considering



Could Daniel Jones (left) be the Giants' starting quarterback come Week 1? What does that mean for Eli Manning (right)? GETTY IMAGES

Manning is considered to be on his last legs in the NFL.

During Monday's first session of OTAs, Shurmur confirmed that Manning is the starter with Jones "behind him."

Yet, the Giants' second-year coach said on multiple occasions that Jones should be ready to take the field come Week 1, which suggests that Manning's grasp on the starting job isn't as tight

as believed.

It certainly didn't help that Manning completed just one-of-six passes with two interceptions.

That could just be a veteran shaking off some of the rust that comes with taking the winter off.

Then again, it could be the first indication that the Giants' quarterback competition will be wide open this summer.

Through their first

moments together on the practice field, the similarities between Manning and Jones remain uncanny. It further suggests that Gettleman was so high on Jones during the pre-draft process because he would provide a seamless transition once Manning's time runs out.

Jones is an inch taller than Manning while both are somewhat gangly, pocket passers and they both worked with coach

David Cutcliffe in college.

Jones does, however, hold the edge in athleticism as he has shown a knack for extending the play with his feet. That has always been one of Manning's weakest aspects.

Their arms are not the strongest, but their mechanics are similarly sound with an ability to throw the ball downfield with accuracy.

There is a belief that

Jones could flourish at the NFL level while working with top talents. His 60.5-percent completion rating last year at Duke was largely swayed by his receivers dropping 38 passes.

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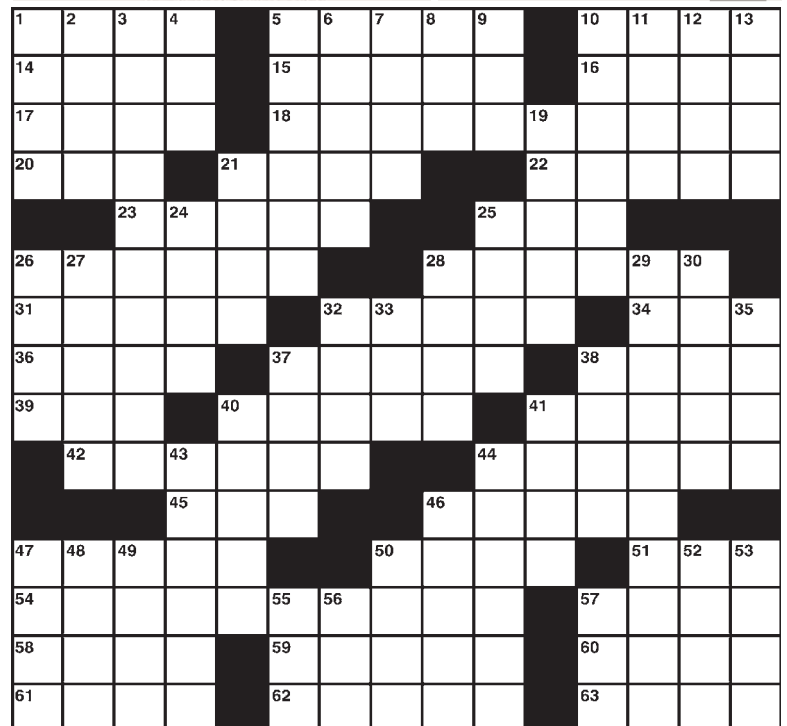
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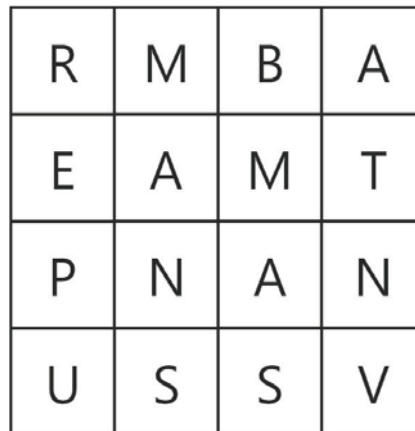
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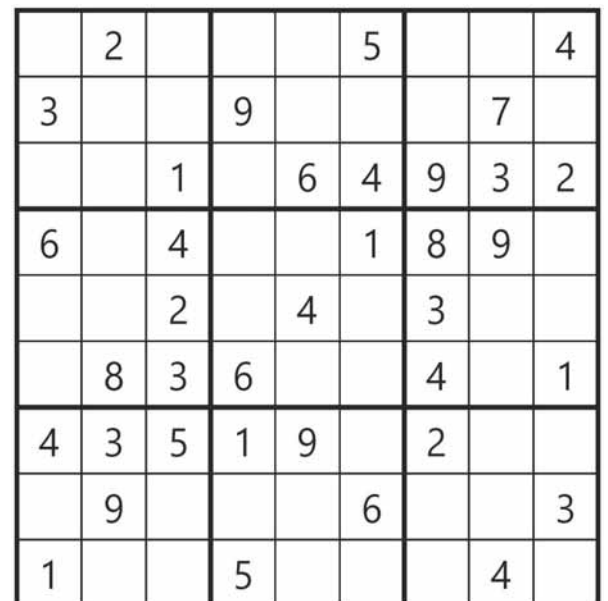
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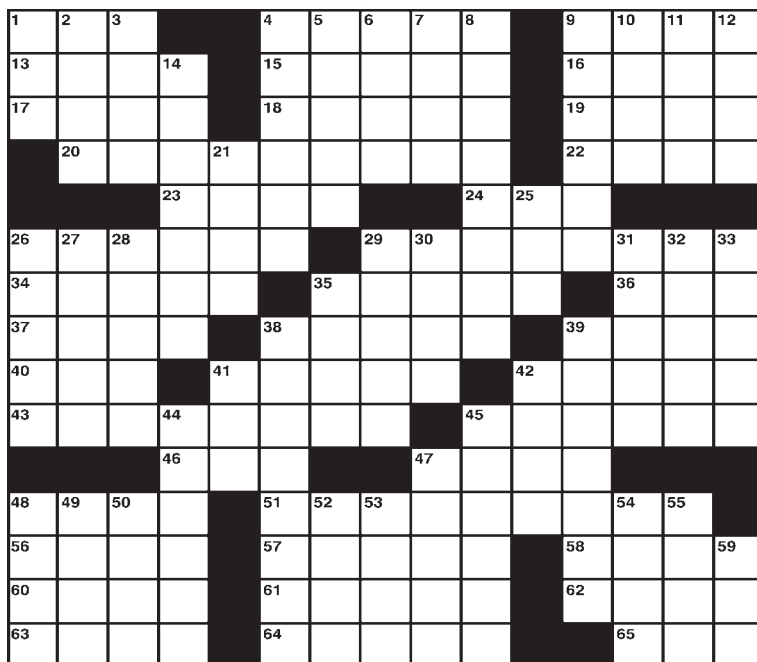
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1 In a \_\_\_; all lined up  
4 Single bite  
9 Falkirk resident  
13 Go out of  
15 Lanai farewell  
16 Actress Lange  
17 South American nation  
18 Heaps  
19 Dollar bills  
20 Inattentive to duty  
22 "Old Mother Hubbard \_\_\_ to the cupboard..."  
23 "\_\_\_ Free"; film about a lioness  
24 Tiny  
26 Burnett & Channing  
29 Burns slowly & without a flame  
34 Perfect  
35 Parody  
36 Singer \_\_\_ Ann Womack  
37 Capricorn, for one  
38 Fragment of glass  
39 Family member  
40 CBS rival  
41 Oak tree nut  
42 Deadly

43 Goes over again  
45 Walks leisurely  
46 Greek letter  
47 Shouts of disapproval  
48 Epiphany visitors  
51 Insulting  
56 Misfortunes  
57 Minimum  
58 Role on "Cheers"  
60 \_\_\_ in; inform  
61 One of the planets  
62 Small fly  
63 Watches  
64 Put clothes on  
65 O'Neill & McMahon

## DOWN

1 Elected official: abbr.  
2 Work animals  
3 Telegram  
4 South America's largest land mammals  
5 Straighten  
6 Part of the foot  
7 At that time  
8 Actor Clint  
9 Demonstrated  
10 Tepee's shape

11 Unlock  
12 Exam  
14 Towing vessel  
21 Lounge about  
25 One of Santa's helpers  
26 Stogie  
27 Clay building material  
28 Get through to  
29 Shadowboxes  
30 Dawn  
31 Gladden  
32 Compensate  
33 Marine mammals  
35 Moccasin or loafer  
38 Educated  
39 Temporary  
41 Bit of soot  
42 Vittles  
44 Goes skyward  
45 June and others  
47 Outperforms  
48 Small rodents  
49 Actress Sheedy  
50 Stickum  
52 Panic  
53 Cabbie's customer  
54 Zero  
55 Alumnus, for short  
59 Rushmore & Fuji: abbr.



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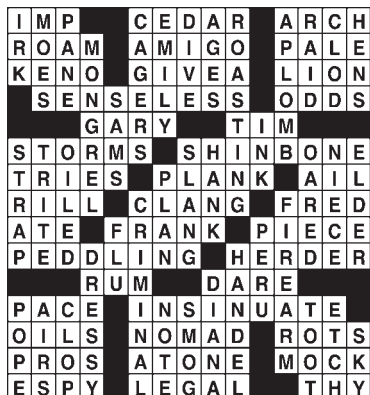
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